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REMARKS**Interview Summary**

On the morning of April 28, 2005, Applicant's agent, the undersigned, spoke with Examiner Mertz regarding the possibility of submitting a second preliminary amendment prior to the Examiner issuing a first Office Action. Examiner Mertz indicated that such an amendment would be acceptable if it were faxed to her by the close of business on April 28, 2005, and if the amendment was an attempt at obviating the Examiner's rejections. Applicant's agent indicated that she would confirm whether it would be possible to fax the amendment by the deadline, and would inform the Examiner either way as soon as possible.

Subsequently, the undersigned confirmed with the Examiner by about midday on April 28, 2005 that an amendment would be faxed by the end of the day. The Examiner acceded to this request and provided her appropriate fax number.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-35 are pending allowance.

Claims 7 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1-15, 18, 21, 23, 24 and 29 have been amended for matters of style and as set forth below.

Claims 31-35 are new.

Support for the amendment of claim 1 can be found in the Specification at p. 2, ll. 25-32; p. 3, ll. 25-27; p. 4, ll. 8-10 and ll. 22-24; p. 5, ll. 4-6; p. 7, ll. 1-3; p. 10, ll. 35-37; and p. 11, ll. 1-3, ll. 12-14, and ll. 27-29. Support for the amendment of claim 2 can be found in the Specification at p. 11, ll. 7-11. Support for the amendment of claim 3 can be found in the Specification at p. 11, ll. 15-17; p. 15, ll. 26-29; and p. 16, ll. 7-10. Support for the amendment of claim 4 can be found in the Specification at p. 7, ll. 4-9 and p. 11, ll. 17-20. Support for the amendment of claim 5 can be found in the Specification at p. 10, ll. 34-35 and p. 10, ll. 34-35. Support for the amendment of claim 6

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can be found in the Specification at p. 11, ll. 21-25. Support for the amendment of claim 7 can be found in the Specification at p. 11, ll. 1-6. Support for the amendment of claim 8 can be found in the Specification at p. 3, ll. 7-10 and p. 7, ll. 18-21. Support for the amendment of claim 9 can be found in the Specification at pp. 7-8, ll. 27-4. Support for the amendment of claim 10 can be found in the Specification at p. 7, ll. 26-27 and p. 8, ll. 13-14. Support for the amendment of claim 11 can be found in the Specification at p. 11, ll. 6-9. Support for the amendment of claim 13 can be found in the Specification at p. 13, ll. 22-32. Support for the amendment of claim 24 can be found in the Specification at p. 17, ll. 4-5 and p. 18, ll. 28-31.

Support for new claims 31-35 can be found in the Specification at p. 10, ll. 20-27.

No new matter has been added by way of these amendments or by the addition of new claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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